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# WEST SUSSEX (SOUTHERN) COMBINED SANITARY DISTRICT.

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Gentlemen,

Acting on the instructions contained in Circulars 2314 and 2067 in which it states that reports should be confined to essential and urgent matters which have affected the public health during the year, especially any matters arising from or connected with the war, outbreaks of infectious disease, and measures for maternity and child welfare, together with any exceptional administrative measures taken or recommended by the Medical Officer of Health, I beg to make the following observations.

## Statistics.

| | | Worthing R.D. | England & Wales. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Birth Rate per 1,000 population | ... | 12.4 | 14.6 |
| Death Rate per 1,000 population | ... | 12.8 | 14.3 |
| Corrected Death Rate | ... | 10.4 | - |
| Infantile Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births | ... | 51 | 55 |

The population as given by the Registrar General is 27,010. The factor for correction is 0.81 which gives a corrected death rate of 10.4.

## Evacuation.

At the end of the year there were approximately 905 mothers and children in the district who had been evacuated from vulnerable areas. During the year 54 evacuee children were treated at the Sick Bay at Lancing.

## Infectious Disease.

During the year the following cases of infectious disease were notified:

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|---|---|---|
| Scarlet Fever | 41 | (37 in 1939) |
| Diphtheria | 4 | (24 " " ) |
| Pneumonia | 20 | ( 9 " " ) |
| Tuberculosis | 20 | (21 " " ) |
| Measles | 54 | |
| Whooping Cough | 33 | |
| Cerebro Spinal Fever | 1 | |
| Ac. Poliomyelitis | 1 | |
| Encephalitis Lethargica | 1 | |
| Erysipelas | 9 | |
| Puerperal Pyrexia | 7 | |

## Housing.

No. of new houses erected during 1940.

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| By Private Enterprise | 44 |
| By Local Authority | 30 |

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| Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health and Housing Acts) | ... | 114 |
| No. of inspections made for the purpose | ... | 637 |
| No. of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous and injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation | ... | 11 |

Bacteriological Samples of Milk.

| Methylene Blue Test. | No. Samples taken. | No. complying with standard. | No. failing to comply with standard. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Tuberculosis Tested | 6 | 6 | - |
| Accredited | 31 | 21 | 10 |
| Ordinary | 21 | 17 | 4 |
| **Coliform Test.** | | | |
| Tuberculin Tested | 5 | 5 | - |
| Accredited | 26 | 19 | 7 |
| Ordinary | 19 | 14 | 5 |

Water.

Twenty samples of water from the public supplies were sent for bacteriological examination and all proved satisfactory.

Sanitary Inspection.

I have had a complete report from the Sanitary Inspector, Mr. Oates, as in former years, but as this is not required I do not think it necessary to amplify any further beyond stating that 3998 visits and inspections were made as compared with 4160 the previous year.

Records.

All records, including statistics supplied by the Registrar General, are being carefully preserved in order that after the termination of the war a report can be made dealing more fully with the period from the beginning of 1939 to the end of the last complete year, so that annual records may, as far as practicable, be continuous and complete.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,

(signed) R. H. WILSHAW.

Medical Officer of Health.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Worthing Rural District Council.